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Belleville Planners turn down medical marijuana dispensary

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The council chambers were packed with audience members on Oct. 8 when the Belleville Planning Commission voted unanimously to turn down requested rezoning that would put a medical marijuana dispensary at 187 Main Street.

Karl Staffeld stood before the crowded room and identified himself as the new owner of 187 Main. He told the planning commission he was requesting a change in zoning from B-2 (Central Business District) to I-2 (Industrial) to establish a Medical Marijuana Certification and Assessment Clinic and Dispensary.

He said the former dental clinic is boarded up now because they are doing asbestos abatement so they can "give it another 100 years of life."

He said he was married for 20 years when his wife contracted ovarian cancer. She received the best care in the world from St. Joe Hospital, he said, but the only thing that gave her relief was medical marijuana.

"It's necessary for people to have this drug," Staffeld said.

Staffeld included a picture of the proposed seven foot wide and ten foot tall sign that he would put at the corner of Main and Second streets for "Number 1 Medical." The business would be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

He said there are only seven properties within the zoning ordinance that allow medical marijuana business and they are not available for purchase or lease. The I-2 zone is on the other side of the railroad tracks along Sumpter Road.

Planning commission chairman Steve Jones said the commission went through the Master Plan in 2006 and 2011 to set up the current plan and it was something the rest of the citizens and the commission were happy with.

"We have an industrial section and looked many times to see if our zoning was right," Jones said. "We don't believe in spot zoning."

He said this small parcel in the middle of the city's B-2 section doesn't fit in with the Master Plan. He said if the medical clinic would close the rezoned property would allow any kind of industrial use for the property.

Commissioner Becky Hasen asked Staffeld if he checked the zoning before buying the property. He said he did.

He said it's 3,000 feet from school property and the property around it is all zoned business – B-2 and B-3.

"Also, there are a number of I-2 properties, but the majority are within the school zone and of the remaining properties only seven

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Marcel and Linda LeBlanc have been running their Pumpkin Factory at Harris and Lohr roads in Sumpter Township for 39 years. On Saturday, Marcel was at the front of the gift store weighing pumpkins for customers (40 cents a pound) and Linda was back in the kitchen making pumpkin cookies. She already had baked the pumpkin pies and pumpkin nut rolls, all from scratch. Besides home-baked treats and lunches, the Pumpkin Factory has family hayrides, haunted hayrides, a haunted house, a haystack for kids to jump in, a large number of pumpkins for purchase, and many other activities for families. The Pumpkin Factory is open Oct. 1 through Nov. 1.

Seven candidates run for three seats on Belleville City Council

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Four candidates are running for mayor and three candidates are seeking two Belleville City Council seats in the Nov. 3 election. All the terms are for four years.

The absentee ballots are out and some voters already are casting votes.

Mayor Kerreen Conley is seeking

reelection. She is challenged by Phillip Miller and Conley and Miller are on the ballot. Write-in candidates Bob Balderston and Carol Sundell are also seeking the mayor's position and those seeking to vote for them must write their names on the ballot.

The *Independent* sent out candidate questionnaires and following are their

responses.

Kerreen Conley for mayor

Kerreen Conley, 48, of 629 Light Tower Drive is running for reelection as mayor.

She has lived in the city for 19 years. She has been married to Jeff Conley for 18 years and they have two children Austin, 11, and Carson, 8.

Conley is employed as Civil Service Director for the Charter Township of Redford. She said she has over 25 years of municipal experience in the area of finance, city management, development, human resources, and utility management.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree

in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance, a Master's degree in Business Administration, and a Masters of Human Resources in Organizational Development.

Conley currently holds the office of mayor, being elected in 2011. She also served a four-year term on the Belleville City Council, 2001-5, and was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the council in 2007.

As mayor, she serves on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and Senior Transportation Committee. She is

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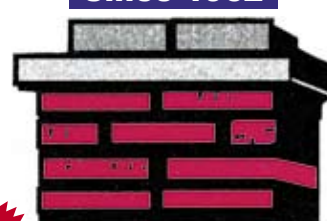
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Candidates

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the president of the Edgemont Eagles Team (PTO), a member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, serves on the Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board and co-hosts the Mayors' Charity Ball that raises thousands of dollars for the Boys and Girls Club.

She also is a Belleville Lacrosse and V-Ball sports mom and the co-chair of the annual Power of the Purse charity fundraiser which raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and local non profits.

"I am a member of St. Anthony's parish. I enjoy quiet days on the lake, watching my children's latest sports, running, and investing in a community I love!" she said.

Conley said she is running for office because, "Over the past four years I have had the privilege to lead this community. I have known firsthand the historical challenges that have faced the City of Belleville. I have maintained and improved service levels, required accountability, and helped to retain and attract businesses in our downtown during down economic times and I have remained committed to keeping the Library in our downtown.

"With the stabilization of the economy, the leveling out of property taxes, and solid planning and partnerships, we have prepared the city to flourish.

"I am running for Mayor because I am the best candidate to lead this community into the future. There are many challenges and opportunities facing the city. On the immediate horizon is the potential changes to the Wayne County operated sewer system that could place significant costs on our residents. I have the background and experience to look after our community's interests. In the future we will face the challenges of implementing long-term capital and infrastructure improvements required to improve the quality of life in Belleville. We have built the foundation for the future to embrace the opportunities that a stable economy brings. With the input from the community we have direction for a District Library with a new approach. We have developed a master plan, development plan, zoning and ordinances, road improvement plan and have a staff with a new attitude focused on making and

creating the community we want. It is time to build upon it!" Conley said.

Goals after election?

"With a stable economy, property values moving upward and solid planning and partnerships in place, my goal is to keep building. Building the Downtown on the Lake Community we call home begins with a solid foundation, much like building a house. We have put in the foundation, my goal is to build upon it. I will continue to strengthen the collaborations and partnerships that have made our projects and events successful, yielding thousands in our business district.

"I will continue to ensure that quality public services are provided to the community to ensure safety and quality. I will work to ensure that the new Library is reflective of our residents' interests and in partnership promote such a proposal. And finally my goal is to have developers and business owners see development and re-development as attractive and possible in this beautiful Belleville Downtown on the Lake," Conley concluded.

Phillip Miller for mayor

Phillip Miller, 44, of 243 N. Liberty Street is married to Rasheda Devaney and his stepdaughter is Maria Devaney.

He has lived in Belleville for 1.5 years, but he is a lifelong resident of the 48111 zip code, minus a few years of college.

Miller is a Business Development and Public Affairs Consultant and general contractor. He earned a bachelor of science in Public and Business Administration from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in Public Administration – Local Government and Finance, also from WMU.

He ran unsuccessfully for trustee of the Belleville Area District Library as a part of the Common Cents Library Slate.

Miller was appointed to the Van Buren Open Spaces Committee and served as chairperson. He also has held numerous positions in local governments, including Contracts and Grants manager, Detroit Recreation Department; Senior Budget Analyst, City of Detroit; Senior Financial Analyst, Management Services Department, City of Kalamazoo; and Deputy Finance Director, Oak Park, MI.

Miller is past president and past treasurer of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts,

and serves as director of the Belleville Rotary Club.

When asked why he was running for office, Miller said: "Having a long history in public affairs and administration and a solid, well-documented history of advocating to keep the library in downtown Belleville, I decided to run for mayor to provide key leadership to support the publicly stated goals of developing an improved library facility in the city and to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors through new ideas and proven principles with smart policies and practices, by providing key leadership and guidance."

As to goals?

"Goals, once elected, include proving a solid partner with regional organizations, including BADL, VBT DDA and other groups to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. One key objective to meeting that goal will be to increase opportunities for new residents to develop leadership skills by being invited to serve on boards and commissions so that the participants in public affairs reflect the diversity of the city and broader community."

Robert (Bob) Balderston for mayor

Robert (Bob) Balderston, 54, of 256 Second Street is running for mayor as a write-in candidate. He and his wife Cristina Balderston have lived in Belleville for almost eight years.

He is a self-taught abstract/pop artist. His favorite pastimes are reading and raising exotic birds. He was in management for almost 35 years.

Balderston ran unsuccessfully for city council in the last general election. He was appointed to the planning commission by then-Mayor Richard Smith.

"I am running for office to bring new and fresh faces and ideas to not only Belleville, but the tri-community as a whole. We need, no, demand, new leadership, not based entirely on past accomplishments or awards, but by action. Even at last night's (Oct. 8) planning commission meeting, the poor audience was totally confused by the chatter and banter of the various board and commission members talking to each other, over the crowd.

"The so-called 'family' of continually elected officials spend more time worrying about shoe colors or eating later at the

Bayou. Maintaining status quo is the name of the game here in town and elsewhere," Balderston said.

"The local communities are rife with stories of elected officials who shout down the public, hold closed-door secret meetings, vet questions from the public, and the list goes on. Have these so-called elected officials forgotten who and why they 'held' the confidence of their voters? Why must we have to fight with, force FOIAs, as well as questioning each and every motive of these officials? This must stop: plain and simple. The voters need to come out in force and make the votes count for offices such as the mayor to make a real difference.

"Seems like every time we pick up the *Independent* we are treated to yet another case of public officials vexing the laws. We must make changes. Even if I am not elected, new faces will change the game; not the 'family and friends' attitude that exists today at 6 Main Street," Balderston said.

"My goal as mayor of Belleville is not to 'work' with others. That is a cop-out that is repeated by each and every elected member of elected bodies. I intend to shake things up. I am not politically correct. I call things as I see it and I research each and every decision I make. I owe no one or companies my allegiance, with exception of my wife. Tough decisions are needed now, not steady as she goes.

"I have the ear of many of the technical companies here in the local area. They remind me that they need and want educated and motivated employees, not the ones that are being churned out by our public schools, who only create production-line fodder of 'graduates.' As long as we keep our mentality as such, with 'just good enough' is okay, our property values as well as the average income level will and has continued to fall further.

"Strong leadership is key here. I have what it takes to be that leader. If they are scared of me at city hall, or think I am nuts (both reported to me by high-level officials), so be it. My tenure is a season of change. Join me and reap the benefits for each and everyone here, as well as the rest of the community," Balderston said.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Library turns predator into police

The library seems like a safe place for youth – and it is. The local library staff is keeping watch on its young patrons.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy reported on a recent incident.

She said earlier this month a 57-year-old male in the library was staring at a 13-year-old girl and trying to engage her in conversation. He gave her his name and phone number. The girl told the library staff and they called Belleville police.

It turns out the man had an outstanding warrant for his arrest and was taken in custody.

Director Suchy said she has banned the man from the library for one year for violating the library's code of conduct. When he wants to return, he will have to meet with Suchy first.

Board member Joy Cichewicz, who is a librarian in Ypsilanti, said she tried to ban a person from her library forever for an infraction and the library attorney said she couldn't do that. A year is the max.

Suchy said the library has a security guard on hand Monday through Friday after school and he took the initial report from the girl.

Suchy said she and other staff members recently attended a "Real World Library Security" workshop in Dearborn. The author of "Black Belt Librarian" gave them tips on library safety. Just in time.

Actually, they've been watching out for kids for a very long time. But, it helps when victims tell them what's happening.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I'm feeling kind of sad about the upcoming demolition of the 148-year-old Riggs house at the corner of East Huron River Drive and Martinsville Road. The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees will be considering transferring some \$34,000 from 2013 CDBG rehab funds for demolition of building at its Oct. 20 meeting.

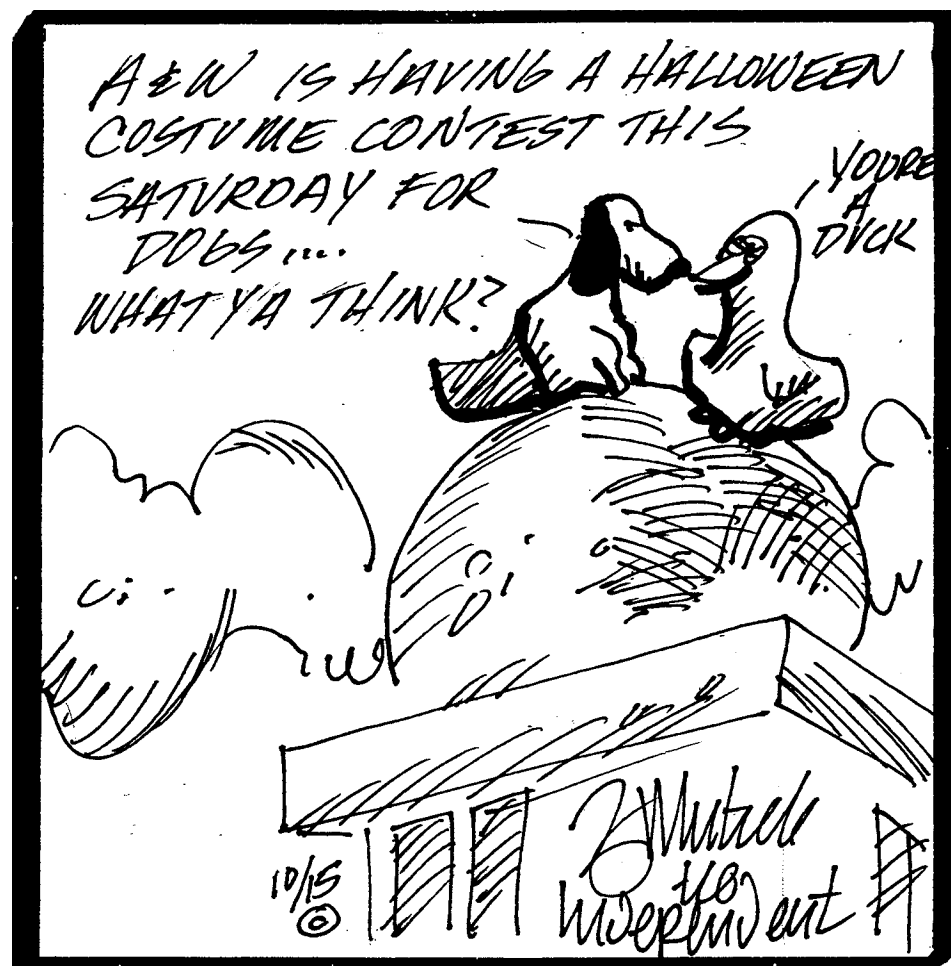
The CDBG money will be lost if it isn't used by the end of the year and there are buildings that need to be demolished: four single-family homes that are privately owned, one log cabin in Van Buren Park, and the Riggs house.

The Riggs house, completed in 1867, was given to the township along with the property turned into Riggs Heritage Park by the developers of Country Walk subdivisions. VBT spent money on securing the building, putting up a fence, had an asbestos remediation team on site, and took other measures to preserve the building.

When I was working for a daily paper in Longmont, Colorado, I interviewed a woman author writing under the name Devin O'Branagan. I was Sunday magazine editor and Sunday editor, along with other duties, and I put her picture big on the cover of the magazine and wrote a nice story about her.

Turns out she was from Michigan and her father ran a market in Huron Township. She wrote her first stories in the cupola of that Riggs house, which her grandparents had rented. She asks about that house from time to time. She's doing very well now and you can find her on www.devinwrites.com.

All this is to say I'm really sorry the Riggs house is on its way to destruction. It was never discussed in public session at any



VBT meeting I attended, but I did miss a few hours of their budget sessions last fall when I was out delivering papers.

There was some discussion at the Oct. 5 work study session about saving the brick from the house for another project or for a monument on the site.

Over the years, people have called our paper to offer to buy that house and I have passed them on to the township. People liked the way it looked and the way it felt.

A reader said he received an email on Thursday with a link saying he needed to update his account information with his Comerica account due to multiple passwords being tried. He was told his account had been suspended. "I don't have any accounts with Comerica," he said. Another scam report.

Sophie Zoller said she got a call from someone who wanted \$2,000 to release her grandson. Another scam. She knew it wasn't about him because her grandson calls her Nana not Grandma.

While the principals of McBride Middle School were giving their presentation to the school board at Monday's meeting, Laura Maher, the Academic Support Administrator, said representatives from McBride went to RESA (intermediate school district) for training.

They learned about teachers writing letters

to students, a process RESA picked up from VBPS's Owen Intermediate School. She said it was very nice to see that RESA was using Owen from McBride's own district as an example to teach other districts – including theirs.

There's a special work-study meeting today (Oct. 15) at Van Buren Township, starting at 4 p.m. (closed-door session), to discuss Anthony Karver's lawsuit against the township. It looks like settlement time to me. At 4:30 p.m., there's a special board meeting. Originally it was to vote on a contract for Walden Woods roadwork. The township board wanted to wait until the Wayne County Commission signed the intergovernmental agreement to pay for 80% of the Walden Woods project, as well as the DeWitt, Venetian, and Jeannette roadwork.

Then, two law suits got added to the agenda and they both look like settlements. The 2014 Karver law suit is under Unfinished Business and the 2013 Paul Bevins (Lakeview Motel) law suit is under the Consent Agenda.

The board will vote on whether to accept the attorney's recommendations on the suits, without giving any information at all about the recommendations.



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Letters

Supervisor using politics in her appointments

To the Editor:

The governance of Van Buren Township depends on commissions and advisory committees to conduct the public business. The commissions are responsible to comply with all applicable statutory mandates, state, county, and local laws.

The Township Supervisor is responsible for adopting a process for selection of the members, including necessary qualifications for appointments on our commissions and committees to present to the Board of Trustees for approval.

I used education, length of residence in our township, work and community experience, along with personal attributes and commitment to their appointment, and diversity in our township. I was able to appoint outstanding residents to our commissions and committees with politics aside.

Our current Supervisor is only using politics (by axe-ing Dr. Carl Johnson) in her appointments. (Dr. Johnson's wife is very active in VBT, filing many FOIA requests and writing letters about mismanagement in VBT). The Supervisor has other opportunities to appoint her choices without axe-ing a very highly qualified and responsible resident from a commission.

Dr. Carl Johnson was an outstanding member of the Planning Commission, with six years of experience on the commission, with excellent attendance, missing only one meeting for a death in his family.

Dr. Carl Johnson is highly educated with an MBA and a technical Ph.D. in Engineering and is a long-time resident of VBT. Going out into the community, he investigated parcels of land, buildings and surrounding areas to have first-hand knowledge about items before commenting and approving on the Commission.

This is a sad day in VBT when citizens who are wholly qualified, active and committed to excellence in helping governance in VBT are removed from a commission for political reasons.

In no way am I demeaning the appointee who replaced Dr. Johnson, but this appointment should have been to replace less-effective members of the commission. Former Van Buren Township Supervisor Paul D. White



VBT Public Safety joins in Greenbriar party

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Greenbriar Subdivision hosted its annual block party. There were approximately 60 children and 100 adults in attendance. There were numerous activities for the children including a truck filled with video games, a train for the younger children, and plenty of food. Even a disc jockey and a live band were on hand for entertainment.

Beyond the fun and music, the police and fire department attended and passed out gift bags filled with coloring books, water bottles, stickers, and safety information.

Sgt. Gueli brought our Van Buren Township Police Motorcycle, which was a big hit for the children.

Ofc. Adam Byrd attended the event bringing with him a new township Ford Interceptor police vehicle for display. The event was a huge success and long-time resident Dawn Chappel should be recognized for her efforts to combat crime. A major part to deter crime is through communication and organization, which their annual block party achieves both elements while creating a community partnership by inviting its public safety department to their party.

Our public safety department continues to work for and with our residents in creating partnerships through education and meeting with the community in an informal way to answer questions on public safety matters. Sincerely,
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The carving session will start at noon and end by 2 p.m. Rotarians, with the public's help, are planning to cover the outside wall of the Chamber of Commerce building with Jack and Jill O'Lanterns. The carvings will be displayed and illuminated throughout the Booville season.

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Obituaries



Mary T. Ried

MARY T. RIED

(December 28, 1928 – September 7, 2015)

Mary T. Ried, 86, passed away at Medilodge in Livonia on September 7, 2015.

She was born December 28, 1928 in New York, NY, to James Flannagan Sr. and Anna Flannagan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Norman Ried in 1985. Her father died Oct. 21, 1949 and her mother died December 8, 1972. A sister, Kathleen Daily, died in 1992 and a niece Betty Vonfreyman Hensley May 27, 1990.

She is survived by her nephew David Hensley and great nephew David Christopher Hensley; a great-niece Maelinda Hensley (Cam) Porzondek; and great-great-niece Cassandra "Casey" Porzondek.

Mary was interred in Calverton National Cemetery, Long Island, NY. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. October 22 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville.



Loren C. Morin

LOREN C. MORIN

(February 10, 1934 – October 5, 2015)

Loren C. Morin of Sumpter Township passed away on October 5, 2015, at the age of 81. Loren, the eldest of 9 children, was born on February 10, 1934, in Escanaba, MI, to Henry and Hazel Morin.

He graduated from Belleville High School in 1953. He married his love, Christine, in 1954, after meeting in England, where he was stationed for the U.S Army. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and woodworking.

He is survived by his 3 sons, L. Mark (Carrie) Morin, Phil (Diane) Morin, and Steven Morin, Sr.; 7 grandchildren, Steven Morin, Jr, Chris (Stacie) Morin, Matt Morin, Joseph Morin, Misty Morin, Ryan Morin, and Brianna Morin; 3 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters and 3 brothers. He is preceded in death by his wife, Christine; his 2 brothers, Gary and David; his parents, Henry and Hazel; and his step-granddaughter, Stephanie.

Community Flu Shot Clinic set Sun. Oct. 18

A Community Flu Shot Clinic will be held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. It will be administered by University of Michigan Visiting Nurses, on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Most insurances are accepted. For more information call (734) 975-3225.

Things to do in Booville

• **Month of October** – Booville in Belleville. Scarecrows along Main Street; ghosts along South Street.

• **Friday, Oct. 16** – Paranormal tours at the Belleville Area Museum, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$

• **Saturday, Oct. 17** – BHS New Tech Zombie 5K Run/Walk, begins and ends at Horizon Park Gazebo. Check in 9 a.m., race at 10 a.m. \$ Register at Active.com.

• **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Tour of Hillside Cemetery, noon – 3 p.m. Shuttle service available from museum. \$

• **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Pumpkin Carving at Fourth Street Square, noon-2 p.m. Rotary and Chamber. Help us build a wall of lighted pumpkins. Bring your own pumpkin to carve or bring a carved pumpkin.

• **Saturday, Oct. 17** – "Frankenweenie" (PG) at 3 p.m. at the library. Free. Young Victor conducts a science experiment to bring his beloved dog Sparky back to life, only to face unintended, sometimes monstrous consequences.

• **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Community Harvest Party starts at 4 p.m. at Belleville Lighthouse Church, 16650 Sumpter Road. Face painting, crafts and games, food and candy, hayrides and bonfire.

• **Saturday, Oct. 17** – St. Anthony's Annual Autumn Dinner/Dance, 6:30 p.m.-midnight \$, at Father Folta Building, 409 W. Columbia Ave.

• **Sunday, Oct. 18** – A&W Doggie Costume Fun Day at 148 W. Columbia Ave., 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Free. Complimentary doggie hotdogs and treats, plus prizes for costume winners. Costumes not necessary for doggie treats.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 20** – Double feature movie at 7 p.m. at the library: "Frankenstein" (1910 silent film) and classic "Frankenstein" with Boris Karloff (1931). Free.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 21** – Free cider and donuts on the Fourth Street Square, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., courtesy Tucker Insurance.

• **Thursday, Oct. 22** – The Big Reveal: Paranormal Investigations Findings at 7 p.m. at the museum. \$

• **Thursday, Oct. 22** – Pumpkin Carving and Craft Workshop at Garden Fantasy on Main, 201 Main Street, 6 p.m. \$. Take home a carved pumpkin fall arrangement. Registration required.

• **Friday, Oct. 23** – Witch's Ball in Booville Tent on Fourth Street Square, starts at 7:30 p.m. Music, food, drinks. Witch costume required for the ladies. \$ For gentlemen: an evening downtown pub crawl, finishing up at Booville Tent at 10 p.m. \$

• **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Pancakes & Pumpkins Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Booville Tent, by Community Assistance Fund – CAF5. \$

• **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Dash in Disguise Family Fun Run 1K, 9 a.m., \$5 per person. Start at Horizon Park, up to 5 Points, finish at Fourth Street Square. Discount for runners at pancake breakfast. Put on by Plymouth YMCA. Prizes for best costumes.

• **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Booville Kids' activities, noon-3 p.m. in the Booville Tent on Fourth Street Square. Face painting, photo cut-outs, games, pumpkin painting and spiders, cookie walk. \$5 family entry. Central Business Community. Food by Twisted Rooster. Face painting by Bob Mytych.

• **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Boo-Tech Cauldron Cook-off under the Booville Tent in the Fourth Street Square. Taste and vote for the winners, 6-10 p.m. Music by BHS bands. Put on by BHS New Tech and Chamber of Commerce.

• **Saturday, Oct. 24** – Candy Loop at Quirk Park, off Tyler Road in Van Buren Township, 5-7 p.m. VBT Parks and Recreation.

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Supt. Van Tassel announces loss of 155 students in fall count

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Michael Van Tassel announced at Monday's school board meeting that the district student count is down 155 students from last school year's tally.

He said the district is still in the "middle of the count window" and so that may not be the official final count.

Supt. Van Tassel said the district had projected a loss of 130 students and the 155 is 25 more than expected. He said this means the district will get about \$185,000 less in per-pupil state aid than expected.

He said the losses occurred in Kindergarten and other school districts in the area also report low Kindergarten counts. And, the senior class that graduated last spring was large. The next senior class is smaller, but the freshman class coming up is another big class, about 500.

As part of his Superintendent's Report that recently was added to the agenda, Supt. Van Tassel announced the topics of Friday's professional development day for teachers, when students will have the day off. He said Curriculum Director Jeff Moore just finalized the agenda and he passed the agenda out to board members.

Van Tassel also explained the state's change from giving the ACT to the SAT and that ninth, tenth, and eleventh-grade students will be taking this new SAT. "This is the first time anyone's seen this new SAT," he said. "It's a big deal for our staff" and "a big cultural shift for our students."

The announcement Van Tassel made at the end of his report was that the state of Michigan flag is now at all of the schools. He said he had this done because it's the "patriotic and appropriate thing to do."

"Is there any way to track what happens to these students?" asked Trustee Sherry Frazier, wondering if they are getting a unique high school education on line.

"That's a scary thought," Van Tassel said. "A lot of students don't have the ability to focus at that level."

He said 504 students left the district, with 200 of those going out of state and going

out of district.

"We need to come up with a plan," Trustee Frazier said encouraging the board to do some salesmanship in selling the Van Buren Public Schools.

She said places like Bethany Daycare get children at age three or four and the children are committed to going there. In previous comments she said the Bethany children go on to Keystone Charter Academy instead of Van Buren schools.

"Early childhood development is important," Frazier said. "We need to get the children as early as possible."

"But, the state doesn't want to fund that," Van Tassel said.

Also at Monday's meeting the board:

- Approved attendance at the Outback Bowl in Florida Dec. 27-Jan. 2 for about 215 members of the BHS Marching Band. Cost to students is \$1,250 each. Travel is by chartered bus and overnight stays are in Orlando, and Tampa;

- Approved the resignation of BHS teacher Jessica Harmon after one year as of Sept. 25. She reportedly was recruited by another district;

- Approved hiring the following teachers as of Oct. 5: Tanya White as instructional coach at Tyler/Owen, Melanie O'Neil as French teacher at BHS/McBride, Shawn Johnson as BHS Math teacher, and Andrew Pitzer for BHS social studies (NT); also as of Oct. 12, Melanie Matthews as Edgemont instructional coach; and as of Oct. 19, Tracy Causey-Bryant as Savage instructional coach;

- Approved the terminations of Kathleen McQuaid on Oct. 5 after 10 months in Transportation and Linda Cobb, the Owen secretary, as of Oct. 6 after nine years of service to the district. Trustee Frazier voted no on the consent agenda motion that approved this, later saying it was because she opposed Cobb's termination;

- Approved the resignation of non-instructional staff member Nicholas Loechli of McBride after two years of service as of Sept. 25; and the retirement of

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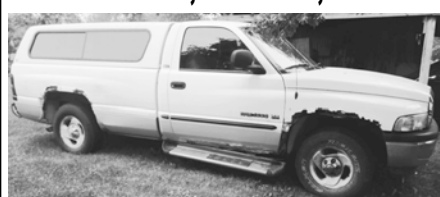


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The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts** is calling all artists to enter the **2015 Belleville Community Art Show** on Nov. 6-8 at the BYC. Entry forms are due by Oct. 24 and are available at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, library, Egan's Pub, Garden Fantasy on Main, Leo's Coney Island, the Professional Building on Main Street, Twisted Rooster, and Van Buren Township Hall. The non-juried show is open to artists ages 6-106 and there's a \$15 fee to enter up to three pieces of art in each category, \$10 for teens and children. For a list of categories and cash prizes, see their ad in today's paper or call (734) 347-0430

Sumpter Parks & Recreation's Turkey Shoot continues this Sunday, Oct. 18, at the gun range beginning at noon, with registration at 11:30 a.m. Call **Don Swinson** at (734) 674-4980.

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Principal Madyun says problems were a wedgie, social media

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville High School Principal Abdul Madyun said it all started a week or so ago when some football players were goofing off in the locker room and gave a young man a wedgie.

He said the information came to the administration and so he had a conversation with the team, noting they were student-athletes and had to act like students first. The head coach and athletic director were there.

Principal Madyun said they told the athletes what had happened to other schools that had problems with bad behavior. Some lost a game. Some cancelled a season.

"Well," Madyun said. "The team members took all this to say that we were cancelling the season."

He said it was all over the social media that night that Friday's Homecoming game was cancelled and in the morning he got calls from WWJ and the Ann Arbor News.

"So, we pulled them in again," Madyun said. "We told them we hold them to high standards. We also talked about the consequences of going on social media."

"If I really cancelled Homecoming, wouldn't I have called somebody, like the opposing team to tell them not to come?"

Madyun said there was a picture of this wedgie on the social media.

"I talked to the parents of the victim and

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they said nothing happened other than the wedgie," Madyun said. "It got legs of its own. They thought it was funny so they snapped the picture."

The picture was then sent on Snapchat, which disappears after being received, he said.

Madyun said the school didn't punish anyone for this, but the coach disciplined the team in a football-related way. He said the original prank happened a few weeks ago.

According to Channel 7 TV News, teens sent many electronic messages to them asking for help in saving their Homecoming football game because so many band members would not be able to perform, the cheerleaders couldn't cheer, and the football players couldn't play. The students set up a Twitter movement with the hashtag #LetBellevillePlay.

The TV station sent reporter Kim Russell to the school where she talked to students. The report aired Oct. 7. When BHS Principal Madyun was interviewed he said the students got all upset for nothing. The game wasn't cancelled.

He told about the wedgie and the students apparently misunderstanding. Madyun said he told them this could lead to hazing charges.

The students got on their electronic devices and the consequences would be for Tweets, not wedgies, Madyun said.

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Marijuana

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are outside of the zone and none were available,” he said.

“We will deny rezoning. It does not fit our master plan,” Jones said.

Supporter Azar Sadeghi got up to say that there is no property available to purchase in I-2 and to ask how a medical marijuana clinic could be categorized as Industrial?

Also, she said, she is an immigrant and upholds the laws. She said she was hoping the commission would allow people to make this clinic.

“I find your decision arbitrary,” Sadeghi said, adding, “I would like to know how you can do this contrary to the health and safety of the community?”

She said, perhaps when that zoning was proposed, it was thought growing marijuana would be better in industrial zoning, but not a clinic.

Jones said the request before the commission is to change the zoning from business to industrial – “Spot zoning B-2 to Industrial.”

Commissioner Michael Renaud said he worked on the Master Plan and the I-2 was for non-personal businesses, such as bakeries and other businesses that were not suitable for Main Street. He said the commission cannot rezone a lot that’s not large enough for I-2 uses.

“I wouldn’t be comfortable putting Industrial in the medical clinic,” Renaud said.

Sadhegi said last Wednesday the federal agencies said they would not enforce laws against medical marijuana clinics. “How can we get you to change?” she asked.

Jones said the commission does not wish to get into the political conversation she wishes to get into. He said rezoning is before them and that would be for the life of the parcel and there is no guarantee what could be there in the future.

“We spent a lot of time on the Master Plan and reaffirmed it... We are looking at spot zoning,” Jones said.

Sadeghi said the I-2 parcels are not available for sale or rent and the building official Rick Rutherford said they still would have to come to the city to request setting up a clinic there. She said it is impossible to set up a clinic.

City attorney Steve Hitchcock said it is not “impossible.” He said seven parcels could be purchased and the city is not obligated to make them available to anyone.

Phil Miller, who said he was running for mayor, said the city is treating the clinics like adult entertainment.

Renaud said in 2010 the city council spent a year drafting these documents and nobody was here questioning them. He said that evening they were not here to discuss the ordinance but to consider rezoning.

Miller said the city should redo the zoning and separate the growing and dispensaries, since there are the nuisances of regular growing operations.

Renaud suggested Miller take that up with the city council.

Renaud made the motion and Jesse Marcotte seconded to deny the rezoning request and the commission unanimously passed the motion. Then most of the audience headed out of the meeting room.

Special Land Use - 533 Main

Next on the agenda was Lisa Sullivan’s proposal to tear down the late Chesley Odom office building at 533 Main Street to construct a one-story building for her Puro Medicine Wellness Program. She has been located for two years in Belle Plaza where she teaches nutrition, helps people figure out what’s causing their health problems, and helps work on the problems. She said a patient usually is helped for seven months.

She resides on Harmony Lane in Van Buren Township and has purchased the property from Virginia Odom pending approval from the city of Belleville for her building.

The Master Plan calls for a two-story building and she wants to build just one story and she does not wish to take up 90% of the property as required by the ordinances because she wants to be able

to use some of the lakeside yard for her patients.

Her architect, Jacob Root, said it would double the cost for a two-story building. He said the building has been vacant for some time.

Jones said the city requires two stories

with the possibility of residents living above businesses which would have more people walking downtown.

Root said they want to eliminate the basement. He said two sets of stairs and an elevator would make the cost

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basement is full of trash and they would have to see if the structure is safe. It would have to be brought into compliance with current ordinances if they renovated the current building. The building has been standing vacant since a fire while the cupcake business was there.

Sullivan said her business accepts 20 patients a month and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Patients use a massage therapist and only one or two patients are in the office at a time because they concentrate so heavily on each person.

She said they planned on having ten parking spaces available, but if they put in a second story they would need more parking.

Root said if the city denies this plan and required a two-story building, it will never be built.

"I like the unique look of the one story," Sullivan said.

Commissioner Matthew Wagner asked if the whole structure was shot and Rutherford said it would take an engineer to do the testing to find out.

Wagner asked if the basement had to go and Root said the basement doesn't go with the way the business is run.

Rutherford said somebody had been living in the building and then the basement flooded and they left everything there. He said the wet debris is up to his chest.

Sullivan said her plan is to start building in April. Before they spend money on a site

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plan they wanted to know if the city was agreeable.

She added that she pays \$10,000 a month on advertising.

Marcotte, who had been on the planning commission from 2007 to 2014 and was now on the commission again and back for his first meeting, said he always had a goal of being consistent.

"I'd like to follow the Master Plan," he said.

"I don't want to see it vacant forever," she said of the parcel on the lake, asking if there couldn't be exceptions to the two-story rule and using 90% of the property for a building?

Renaud called that a "slippery slope" where you could eventually end up with no Master Plan at all.

City Councilman Tom Fielder said the city now has a two-story philosophy. He said there was nothing to preclude Sullivan from getting a partner upstairs, maybe a lawyer.

"I've heard of Van Buren Township people who would like to locate here," Fielder said.

When Sullivan asked what was the main issue, Jones said it was the two stories.

"It will stay a burned-out building. It will cost \$3 million to build what you want," architect Root said.

"You can go back to the drawing board," Jones said to Sullivan.

City Councilwoman Kim Tindall suggested that Building Official Rutherford could advise her.

"As much as I agree with rules, the original intent was to get people downtown," Wagner said. "The more I look at the property, it should be a single story. We have a lake. We don't want to block the lake... By putting another two-story up, we're hiding what we want to show, why people want to come here..."

The commission then voted 5-1 to reject

the special land use request, with Wagner casting the only no vote.

Five members of the audience complimented the commission on their professional handling of the issues.

"I commend your stick-to-it-tiveness," Councilwoman Tindall said. "You stuck with the plan ... and that's the plan."

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Oct. 15 – Special meetings of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees beginning with a closed door session at 4 p.m. Followed by open meeting at 4:30 p.m. to consider a road contract for work at Walden Woods. That meeting also will consider

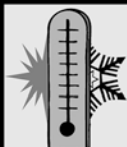
settling two law suits against the township.

• Monday, Oct. 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 21 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority meets together with Belleville City Council for planning discussions, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Thursday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Township special meeting to review 2015 Amended and 2016 Proposed Budgets, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Leo Labean, 39, of Sumpter Township is facing numerous charges stemming from an incident at the home of his ex-wife in the 25000 block of Martinsville Road on Oct. 7.

Sumpter Police Captain Eric Luke said Labean was arraigned Friday at 34th District Court on a five-count warrant. Charges are:

1. Home invasion, 1st degree;
2. Weapons – firearms – discharge in or at a building;
3. Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault);
4. Weapons – felony firearm; and
5. Domestic violence.

A probable cause conference is set for Oct. 21, with a preliminary exam set for Oct. 28 at 34th District Court in Romulus.

The investigation was handled by Sgt. James Cayce and Officer Jerry Cox, Jr. The case was then presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office who approved the charges.



Leo Labean

"If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."
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Woman dies after being hit by box truck on North I-94 Service Dr.

At about 12:48 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, a 57-year old female pedestrian died after being struck by a box truck along the I-94 North Service Drive, between Morton Taylor and Belleville roads.

Van Buren Township Deputy Public Safety Director Jason Wright said the female was walking with her 25-year-old son at the time of the incident and the son was not injured.

There has been no determination made as to fault and this event remains under investigation, Wright said. A Nixle alert was sent out asking motorists to avoid the area, he said, and just before 7 p.m. a Nixle alert said the roadway had reopened.

A channel 2 TV report showed the truck and it belonged to Dudek Heating and Cooling of Sumpter Township. The 48-year-old driver immediately stopped after the accident and called for an ambulance. He is upset, but cooperating with police, the report said.

VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson said the mother and son live in the area and motorists have seen them walking together for years. The only witness to the accident besides the driver is the son, who is believed to be mentally challenged.

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Candidates

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Carol Sundell for mayor

Carol Sundell, 53, of 506 Harbour Pointe Drive is running for mayor as a write-in

candidate.

She has lived in the city for five years and is a Registered Nurse and college graduate. This is her first time running for office.

She belongs to the International Association of Assistant Dog Partners and the AKC, and enjoys showing dogs.

She is running for office because she would like to see more businesses in Belleville, to fix up the community, and develop programs and resources for the seniors and physically challenged citizens.

Sundell wants to follow the Charter of the City of Belleville and extend business hours for the mayor. She also wants to review the no-parking signs put up by the city in Harbour Pointe Subdivision.

As far as goals, if elected: "I want a community that people can be proud of, want to open businesses and reside in."

Jack Loria for council

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, 68, of 118 South Edgemont is seeking reelection to the city council.

He has lived in the city for 67 years. He and his wife Rosemary have two children. Their son Michael Loria and his wife Jennifer have four children and their daughter Jaclyn Floro and her husband Ken have four children.

Loria retired from American Airlines in 2005. He has served as a para-professional in the Van Buren Public Schools since

2007. He retired from the Belleville Fire Department after serving as chief and fire fighter.

Loria has served on the Belleville City Council from 2012 to the present, and before that he was on the council from 1975 to 1981. He is a previous member of the Belleville Planning Commission, an appointed position.

Loria is a member of the St. Anthony Men's Club, Van Buren F.O.E. #3996, and Belleville Moose Lodge 934.

When asked why he is running for office, he replied:

"I have lived in Belleville for over 65 years. I raised my family here. I am very proud of our little city. I expect Belleville to be my home for many years to come.

"As a member of the current city Council, I have taken this position seriously. Faced with many financial challenges, I have worked diligently with my fellow council members to keep the city operating within a balanced budget while still maintaining a fund balance.

"I would like to be reelected to the Belleville City Council to continue providing the residents and business owners within the city the essential city services they are accustomed to and so rightly deserve."

As to goals, if elected: "My goal is simple. Always do the best job that I can for the benefit of the City. I will make no promises; I am but one voice on the council. I cannot do this job alone. I am currently serving alongside a dedicated group of individuals with the same goal – to continue to give our best effort within our abilities while utilizing the resources available. My one simple goal is to see Belleville continue to thrive and prosper as the warm and welcoming community it has always been."

Tom Smith for council

Tom Smith, 56, is running for reelection to the Belleville City Council.

Smith has lived in the city all his life and graduated from Belleville High School in 1977. He and his partner of 35 years Mike Dacko live at 248 Roland Street.

For 30 years Smith has worked at AT&T Global Force Management. He earned a Bachelor of Arts at Concordia College.

His successful run for city council four years ago was his first bid for elective office. He has also served the city after appointments to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Smith is a member of BYC, Friends of the Library, Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the BACA Lakeside Concert Committee.

Once elected, Smith said his goals are: "To continue the redevelopment of the underdeveloped downtown business district.

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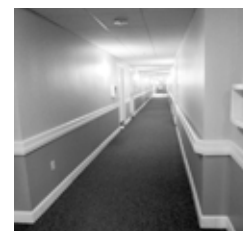


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Supervisor gets flack over not reappointing Dr. Carl Johnson

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There were two members of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission whose terms were expiring, so Supervisor Linda Combs reappointed one and didn't reappoint the other. She appointed a newcomer, instead.

It is the duty of the supervisor to select people for positions on boards and commission, with the approval of the board.

Her decision on the planning commission members brought lots of discussion at the work study session of the board on Oct. 5 and the regular board meeting on Oct. 6.

Don Boynton was reappointed and Ronald K. Jackson was newly appointed. Dr. Carl Johnson, a six-year member of the planning commission, was not reappointed.

Supervisor Combs said that two positions expired and "a gentleman came to us and wanted to serve on the planning commission," referring to Jackson. Combs said he works as Transportation Maintenance Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Transportation and was "excited and eager to serve." She said she wanted her appointments to reflect the diversity of the community.

She said he had experience in plan review and permitting processes.

"These appointments are yours," said Trustee Reggie Miller. "I respect that decision."

Trustee Miller said she had to speak out concerning Dr. Johnson's expertise and education. She said his education was not considered as strongly as others and she thinks Dr. Johnson is better qualified for the position.

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"I do not want to diminish Dr. Johnson," Supervisor Combs said. "The public has asked we diversity... and not leave someone on indefinitely."

Trustee Jeff Jahr said Dr. Johnson's name did not appear on any of the paperwork for the appointment. He said the board all knows Dr. Johnson and his work.

"I did not realize we were replacing him until the work study session when it was discussed," Trustee Jahr said. "If asked to replace Dr. Carl Johnson, I would vote no."

"I didn't know, either," Trustee Miller said, referring to the work/study session the day before.

"If we voted no to Mr. Jackson, that wouldn't get Carl back," Jahr said.

"The whole board recognizes and applauds Dr. Johnson," said Trustee Phil Hart. Then, he welcomed Jackson to the position.

Trustee Brenda McClanahan made the motion to approve the re-appointment of Boynton and appointment of Jackson with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2018. Treasurer Sharry Budd supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

Combs said Boynton "has contributed greatly to this committee and will continue to serve the community well in this capacity."

She called him up to the podium to explain the Master Citizen Planner certificate he earned and he said it was "a rigorous program." The township paid for Boynton to attend programs throughout the state, including Mackinac Island, to earn the certificate.

Because the agenda is set up with correspondence and public comment on agenda items coming before the agenda items are discussed several members of the audience read letters under correspondence praising Dr. Johnson's work and saying his removal from the planning commission is a loss to the community.

They said Dr. Johnson had the expertise to ask the right questions that finally headed off the proposed co-generation plant on the former Visteon campus.

Combs said she did due diligence and didn't want to give a rubber-stamp re-appointment.

Dr. Johnson was appointed to the planning commission by former Supervisor Paul White, who was defeated for office by Combs.

John Delaney pointed out that Supervisor White also appointed another PhD, Dr. David Wilson, to the Environmental Commission and Dr. Wilson is doing a lot of work to prevent coal-tar driveway paving because of its carcinogenic properties.

In other business at the Oct. 6 meeting, the board:

- Approved the appointment of David Senters to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2018.

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School Board

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Kathy Jones of Transportation after eight years as of Oct. 12;

- Approved the hiring of Kurt Long in the Custodial/Maintenance Department as afternoon custodian as of Sept. 30;

- Ratified the contract with Van Buren Food Service Association union members, who will get a 1% raise this school year. Budget implication is \$5,231;

- Heard McBride Middle School Principal John Leroy, Assistant Principal Rod Fisher, and Academic Support Administrator Laura Maher give a presentation on instructional changes at McBride for this school year. One of the big changes is new teacher support. Fisher said of the 30 teachers at McBride, 10 are new (one or two-year) teachers. They also told of a new Class Dojo that allows parents to check on their child in school every hour. They also are intent on keeping kids in their seats and not sending them home for infractions;

- Approved the purchase of two school buses from the Hoekstra MSBO/MAPT

Bus Purchase Program in the amount of \$171,647. These are one 47-passenger lift bus at a cost of \$92,631 and one 47-passenger special needs bus at a cost of \$79,016. Hoekstra was the low bidder of three, without adjustable accelerator/brake pedals and the corrosion and structural warranty. The district is purchasing the buses with the warranty, which is not provided by the other vendors. The two buses being replaced are more than 12 years old. Frazier said it is peculiar to be spending money on buses while the district is losing students;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of a long list of updates to Board Policies necessary due to changes in the law;

- Approved a resolution urging the state legislature "to support and continue the current opportunity for school districts to purchase electric supply at significant savings from alternate energy suppliers." The resolution said by participating in the Electric Choice Program the Van Buren Schools have been able to reduce its energy rates by over \$727,000. Van Tassel

said he will send the resolution on to the legislature, noting pending changes are political and if the state policy changes, the Van Buren district will be unable to get cheaper power; and

- Was reminded of next Monday's work/study session at 7 p.m. at the administration building. On the agenda will be discussion on how to handle the teacher evaluation tool changed by the law, Data Dialog, and the school suspension program.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Saturday, Oct. 17** – St. Anthony Men's Club is holding its dinner/dance/raffle from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Father Folta Building. See Garden Fantasy on Main, 697-7400 for tickets.

- **Sunday, Oct. 18** – Community Flu Shot Clinic from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, 417 Charles Street. Administered by the University of Michigan Visiting Nurses.

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- **Sunday, Oct. 18** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners in the Abbott Building at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. FREE, but donations accepted to help. Your Pugs will love you for their new social life! www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

- **Thursday, Oct. 22** – The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is holding a meet the candidates session at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express on the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. Featured will be candidates for office in the city of Belleville in the Nov. 3 election.

- **Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24** – The Western Wayne County Quilting Guild presents "Quilting on the Edge Quilt Show" at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville. It's open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$5. Quilts on display, vendor mall, raffle tickets, scrap bag sales, scissor sharpening, trunk show, demonstrations, classes, free parking.

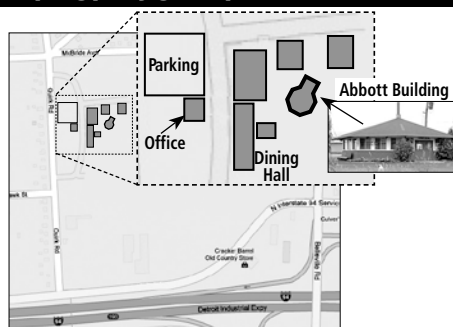


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Candidates

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is already developing, will increase the tax base and increase the land/home values and city services offered to the community," Smith said.

Jim Shrove

Jim Shrove, 75, of 525 Harbour Pointe Drive is running for council. He previously served on the city council.

He and his wife Nancy L. Shrove have lived in the city for 10 years.

Shrove earned a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor Degree in Business Management.

He is a retired municipal worker.

He serves as trustee on the Van Buren Township Eagles Aerie #3996, and belongs to the Friends of the Library, VBT Senior Center, Senior Olympics volunteer, member of the city's Parks and Recreation Committee, former substitute teacher in the Van Buren Public Schools, and former

Municipal Works' Union Rep.

And, why is he running for office?

"Over the past few years I have had conversations with multiple residents of the city who indicated to me that they feel the majority of the members of the City Council are side-stepping many of the ongoing problems within the city. Members of City Council have had anywhere from two to six years to address many of the issues which are important to the residents of Belleville. I believe that when one is elected to a public office, the concerns and opinions of the voters need to be taken into account. Many city residents and business owners have told me that their concerns, opinions, and ideas are either routinely ignored or dismissed by the current administration.

"Fresh Eyes are needed to look at ongoing city issues; Fresh Ideas can help to take the city forward. Isn't that what our community wants and, even more so, deserves? I would like to help spark an interest among council members to achieve resolutions to the city's most urgent issues. To think outside the box. To ensure that our tax revenues are being used for what is important to the residents. To invite and engage a broader base of city residents to become involved in the various city boards and commissions.

"Reduced revenue sharing from the State coffers has had an obvious effect on the city if one looks at the line-items in the city's budget over the past four years. Necessary services and staffing within the departments of the DPW, Police, and Fire have taken a large hit over the past few years. One glaring example is that the Belleville PD does not have a full-time, permanent police chief. However, Hal Berriman was appointed as the part-time "interim" police chief after Chief Gene Taylor retired. A new, permanent Chief of Police for Belleville has not been hired because the mayor and council never authorized the city manager to advertise that the PD Chief's position was open.

"The City Charter requires that three residents of Belleville make up the Civil Service Commission (CSC). It is required by the City Charter to have a functioning CSC in place. The CSC is responsible for interviews and recommendations for hiring, disciplining, firing, and mediating any issues between the city and non-union city employees, such as the City Clerk, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief, and the Director for the DPW.

"In an effort to circumvent the City Charter, Mayor Conley authored a ballot proposal last year in order to eliminate the CSC. Though authored by the mayor and supported by the city manager and city council, it was voted down by residents of the city, 2 to 1. Currently, there has been one person appointed to the CSC. At least five residents, who are more than qualified to serve on this commission, submitted applications more than six months ago for a position on the CSC. However, not one of them has been contacted by anyone at City Hall."

As far as his goals, once elected:

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 09-15-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 06-02-92, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

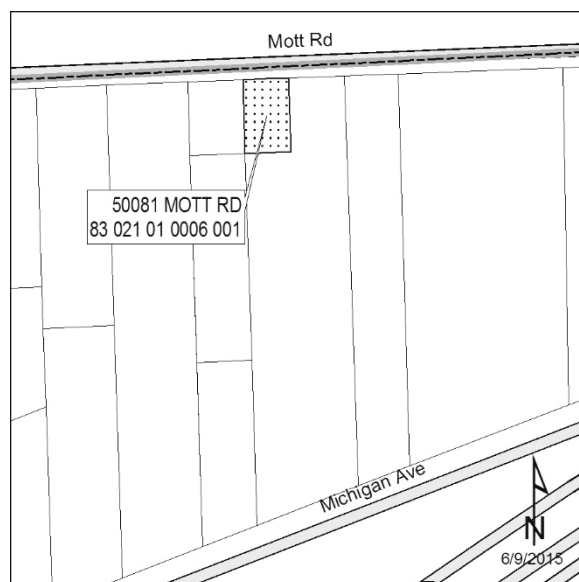
The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 09-15-15

A request to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel V125-83-021-01-0006-001 also known as 50081 Mott Rd from C-1 (Local Business) to R-2A (Single Family Residential).



This property is located on the south side of Mott Rd west of Denton Road.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect eight (8) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 6th day of October, 2015.

YEAS:	Combs, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Wright
ABSTAINED:	None

Adopted:	-	October 6, 2015
Published:	-	October 15, 2015
Effective:	-	October 23, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2015

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers and an audience of seventeen (17).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendment: to move Consent Agenda item #8 to New Business item #3. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session Minutes of September 14, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of September 14, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2015; Prepaid List of September 18, 2015; Prepaid List of September 25, 2015; Voucher List of October 6, 2015; Appointment of David Senters to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) with a term to expire 10-1-2018.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs thanked all those current and past members serving on Committees and Commissions and introduced Pastor Ian Reed Twiss who recently became Pastor at Trinity Episcopal Church. Pastor Twiss expressed his desire to learn more about the needs of the community and encouraged a partnership with the Board to address those needs. Several residents thanked Dr. Carl Johnson for his service and contribution to the Planning Commission during his term.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents commented on the desire to have appointments to committees and commission moved from the consent agenda to new business to allow comments from the public; thanked Dr. Carl Johnson for his service and contribution to the Planning Commission; requested review of applicant qualifications for committees and commissions and welcomed the appointment of new members who wished to serve the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Miller seconded to consider the second reading of Ordinance 9-15-15 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning parcel V125-83-021-01-0006-0001 from C-1 (General Business) to R-2A (Single Family Residential). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to postpone the consideration to award the contract for paving repairs in the Walden Woods subdivision to Fiore Enterprises until October 15, 2015 during a special meeting. Motion Carried.

McClanahan moved, Budd seconded to approve the re-appointment of Donald Boynton and appointment of Ronald K. Jackson to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2018. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The August Budgetary Report was received and filed. A copy of the report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NON AGENDA:

Van Buren Public School Board Trustee reminded the public of the upcoming November 3, 2015 Special Election and encouraged voters

to support the .5 mil sinking fund proposal; announced the High School band was selected to appear at Carnegie Hall and invited everyone to join in the Homecoming festivities this weekend. Residents comments included: encouraged voters to support the 6.5 mil Public Safety Millage that will appear on the November 3, 2015 Special Election ballot; a request for assistance by the Board and Ordinance Department personnel regarding blight and ordinance issues in a local subdivision; reminded the Board that a vacancy remains unfilled on the LDFA Board and thanked Dr. Carl Johnson for his contribution and service to the Planning Commission during his term.

Supervisor Combs called a recess at 7:56 p.m. due to a disturbance in the audience. The meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Publish: October 15, 2015



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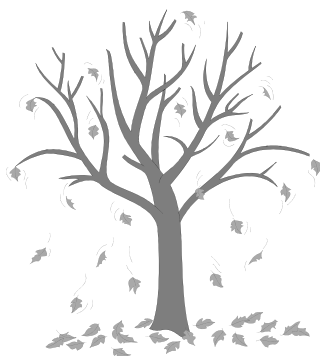
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Candidates

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"I want to improve the relations between City Hall and those who represent our tax base; both home owners and business owners. Residents and business owners alike have told me that they feel that their tax dollars are not being spent in the most judicious manner. Some residents have voiced concern that the Belleville Fire Department is being systematically phased out by the mayor and city manager.

"While the city and DDA have spread

the mantra of 'Downtown on the Lake,' they have not done enough for a particular segment of our residents to get to 'downtown' or the 'lake.' One example is the seniors living in the high-rise on West Columbia. Some of those residents use scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or canes to get around. Many of them find it very difficult to navigate in the city due to street corners that still have curbs rather than ADA compliant ramps and broken, uneven sidewalks.

"When elected to office, I will research multiple organizations and government

sites to determine if grants are available that could help to improve the safe navigation of our downtown and neighborhood streets and sidewalks. Such as the DOT of Michigan that I researched and got for the streetscape on Main Street.

"I also will be actively pursuing all avenues and resources in order to bring more businesses to our town. 'Downtown on the Lake' is a great slogan, but it's only a slogan when there are so many empty businesses along Main Street. In theory, the only businesses downtown that anyone can 'shop' in are the florist shop, the flooring store, the drug store, the hardware store, an antique store, the hydro-garden store, and two party stores. All other businesses between 5 Points and Liberty/Main streets only offer services or gasoline and not a particular product that you can take home with you. Also, why isn't the city and DDA

promoting the businesses that are on South Street, south of 5 Points. They help bring revenue into the city, too.

"Lastly," Shrove said, "I want to restore compliance of the elected officials with the City Charter. The Charter was written for a reason. It needs to be followed as it was written."

Melissa Cooper Sargent to speak to Garden Club on Monday, Oct. 19

The next Belleville Area Garden Club meeting will be at First United Methodist Church, 317 Charles Street, at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19. The speaker will be Melissa Cooper Sargent from Local Motion Green. She will talk about ecology and healthy living.

For more information about the Garden Club call Judy Sheehan at (734) 578-8907.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 3, 2015 General Election. Test will be open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734-697-9323.

Lisa Long
City Clerk

Publish: October 15, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law for the Special Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Posted: 9/1/2015
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY POSTING



Position Title: Account Clerk

Department: Developmental Services

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Union Affiliation: AFSCME

Opening Date: 09/22/15

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Starting Hourly Wage: \$15.50

91 Day Hourly Wage: \$16.47

18 Month Hourly Wage: \$17.45

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Developmental Services Account Clerk

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

vbthr@vanburen-mi.org.

Only Qualified Applicants Need Apply

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren is requesting Proposals for the purpose of entering into a contract for Architectural Design & Construction Services. This RFP is being initiated to secure the services of a qualified firm to program, design, and provide construction documents and construction supervision for a renovation project of the Developmental and Clerk's Offices, both located at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

The Proposals will be submitted to and received by the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The proposal containers shall be marked "Architectural Design & Construction Services." Proposals must be received before the deadline of 4:00pm on Thursday, November 5, 2015. It is the proposer's responsibility to insure that the Proposal is received prior to the deadline as no exception to this policy will be made.

PROJECT GOAL

The goal of this project is to redesign and reconstruct two existing offices in order to:

1. Accommodate recently added staff in the Clerk's Office and the Developmental Services Office, both located in the Van Buren Township Hall.
2. To improve the energy efficiency, lighting and ergonomics of both offices.
3. To improve the delivery of customer service at the counters.

REQUEST A BID PACKET

Bid specifications are available at the Township Clerk's Office: 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., or may be downloaded from the Township's website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 634 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Oct. 4:
1254 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1322 – property damage accident, Carmell
1348 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1456 – missing person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1511 – breaking & entering, W. Archwood
1611 – trespassing, Ryznar Dr.
1840 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.
1851 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1929 – assault & battery, Jackson St.
2009 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2040 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
2114 – retail fraud, Belleville
2202 – private property accident, Westlake
2218 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2256 – missing person, Brandi
2346 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2353 – suspicious situation, Sawgrass Ct.

Monday, Oct. 5:
0054 – noise complaint, Aspen
0302 – assault & battery, Arthur St.
0352 – disturbance, Alden Ave./Haggerty Rd.
1048 – hold-up alarm, Hamilton St.
1129 – suicide or attempt, E. Huron River Dr.
1234 – juvenile complaint, Bemis Rd.
1327 – private property accident, Willow Way
1341 – ordinance violation, Milton Dr.
1403 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1427 – private property accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1451 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1842 – private property accident, Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1920 – disturbance, Madison Dr.
2141 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2348 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.

Tuesday, Oct. 6:
0027 – robbery, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0647 – assault & battery, Western St.
0709 – private property incident, Visteon
0751 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ricardo Dr.
1422 – private property accident, Sylvia Dr.
1438 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1456 – suicide or attempt, Western St.
1920 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
2009 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2214 – breaking & entering, Lighthouse Dr.
2325 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, Oct. 7:
0044 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Park Estates
0656 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1258 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
1326 – trespassing, Martinsville Rd.
1440 – fraud, Lenmoore Ave.
1611 – water leak found, N. Bellridge Dr.
1618 – assault & battery, Birch Dr.
1751 – intimidation threat, Denton Rd.
2157 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2335 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Thursday, Oct. 8:
0013 – disturbance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0052 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
0117 – noise complaint, W. Adams
0248 – larceny, Kirkridge
0513 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd. / West Huron River Dr.
0533 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd. / Hull Rd.
0932 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
1536 – fraud, Oak Blvd.
1847 – missing person, Tyler
1856 – suicide or attempt, Quirk Rd.
2029 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

Friday, Oct. 9:
0026 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0204 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
0848 – vehicle repossession, S. Bellridge Dr.
1159 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
1217 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

Greenbriar Dr.
1323 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1515 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1514 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1533 – breaking & entering, Bemis Rd.
1551 – private property accident, Beckley
1641 – suspicious person, Denton Rd.
1703 – assault & battery, Hannan Rd./Wabash Rd.
1822 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1854 – assault & battery, Rose Blvd.
1948 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1958 – fraud, Arthur St.
2058 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2143 – harassment call, N. Sunset Ln.
2142 – family trouble, Park Estates
2209 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
2257 – disturbance, Belleville
2334 – fight, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 10:
0309 – suspicious situation, Denton
0326 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0713 – shots fired, Farm Rd.
1105 – malicious destruction of property, Timberview Ct.
1133 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1235 – private property accident, Haggerty Rd.
1519 – shots fired, Hannan Rd./Wabash Rd.
1608 – malicious destruction of property, Meadows Cir.
1620 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1719 – harassment call, Harmony Ln.
1726 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1808 – personal injury accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1913 – larceny, Oak Ln.
2017 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2032 – larceny, Wildbrook Dr.
2038 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2339 – noise complaint, Westlake

Also on this week’s log are 222 traffic stops, with 55 of those on the I-94 or I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 4:
1324 – property damage, Carmell St.
1354 – disorderly conduct, Belle Villa Blvd.
1639 – property damage accident, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter Rd.
2046 – intrusion alarm, Third St.

Monday, Oct. 5:
0920 – intimidation threat, Belle Villa Blvd.
0950 – trespassing, Fourth St.
1051 – information, Owen St.
1101 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.
1147 – background investigation, N. Liberty St.
1623 – follow up, E. Columbia Ave.
2036 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
2120 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, Oct. 6:
0005 – missing person, Country Walk
0125 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0315 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.
1017 – larceny, Sumpter Rd.
1107 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1614 – vehicle lockout, Family Dollar
1720 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.
1929 – agency assist, Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 7:
0930 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
0943 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
0951 – harassment call, W. Columbia Ave.
1104 – intimidation threat, Carmell St.
1819 – missing person, Owen St.
2058 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
2208 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Thursday, Oct. 8:
0029 – breaking & entering, Astor Pl.
1126 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1400 – miscellaneous complaint, Loza Ln.
1813 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.
2003 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.

Friday, Oct. 9:
0217 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0759 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1016 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1028 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1549 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1728 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1836 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1858 – agency assist, Rose
2052 – intimidation threat, N. Liberty St.
2139 – property damage accident, Light Tower Ct.
2318 – civil matter, Victorian Ln.

Saturday, Oct. 10:
0439 – intrusion alarm, Third St.
0511 – intrusion alarm, Third St.
0906 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0913 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
1218 – private property accident, Chase
1248 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
1613 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Fourth St.
2005 – disturbance, W. Columbia Ave.
2116 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Also on this week’s log are 51 traffic stops

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 4:
0234 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
0346 – personal injury accident, Judd/Clark
0502 – noise complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0714 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1051 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1158 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1526 – trespassing complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1742 – warrant pick up, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1855 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2042 – assist other agency, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2305 – suspicious person, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.

Monday, Oct. 5:
0209 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
0805 – alarm, 7300 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0834 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1041 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1049 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1202 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1227 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
1228 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1239 – larceny, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1302 – juvenile complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1356 – harassment complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot
1458 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
1514 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1720 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1811 – civil dispute, Montana
1813 – runaway juvenile, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1902 – juvenile complaint, Sumpter/Willow
2038 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2040 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2107 – shots fired, W. Arizona
2155 – assault, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2235 – subpoena service, out of township

Tuesday, Oct. 6:
0009 – assist other agency, out of township
0131 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0708 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1125 – suspicious incident, Butternut
1808 – warrant pick up, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1903 – civil dispute, 8700 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2149 – property damage accident, Clark/S. Huron
2342 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Fenster

Wednesday, Oct. 7:
0007 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0026 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0203 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0703 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0906 – felonious assault, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1215 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1245 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Clark Ln.
1318 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1329 – found property, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1413 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1531 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1838 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1947 – mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Paris

Thursday, Oct. 8:
0336 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
0811 – threats complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0844 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1001 – recovered stolen property, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1035 – warrant pick up, Carriage Ln.
1127 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1350 – threats complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1415 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1532 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1807 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Harris
1846 – flee & elude, Rawsonville/Bemis
1954 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Willis Rd.
2022 – neighbor dispute, Nevada
2311 – flee & elude, 46000 bl. Bontekoe

Friday, Oct. 9:
0908 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1052 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1209 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Crandall Ct.
1444 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1657 – reckless driver complaint, Willis/Elwell
1722 – found property, out of township
1742 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1925 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Arkona
1937 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
2330 – well-being check, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 10:
0032 – fight, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0323 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0547 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0817 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Martinsville
0920 – assist other agency, out of township
1047 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1134 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis
1729 – threats complaint, California/Wyoming
2056 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2314 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 19 follow-up investigations, 36 miscellaneous details, 67 patrol checks, and 45 traffic stops.

Cpl. Faull arrests
student selling drugs at
Belleville High School

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Friday, Belleville Police Cpl. Kris Faull arrested a Belleville High School student who was selling drugs inside BHS. Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said Cpl. Faull, who is the long-time school resource officer, said this is the first time a student was arrested for selling cocaine at BHS.

The 17-year-old male student was arrested and released until the narcotics can be verified at the Michigan State Police lab. Chief Berriman said he is out on a “not in custody warrant” on a charge of “possession with intent to deliver” and is yet to be arraigned.

Chief Berriman said Cpl. Faull confiscated the suspected cocaine, along with pills, marijuana, more than \$200 in cash, a scale, and baggies.

“It was a good arrest,” Chief Berriman said of Cpl. Faull’s work.

Chamber of Commerce
sets Meet the Candidate
session Thurs., Oct. 22

The candidates for mayor and city council in the city of Belleville will be featured at a Meet the Candidates session at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Holiday Inn Express on the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township.

Four candidates are running for mayor and three are running for the two council seats open.

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Court Watching:

Jayson Robbins charged with imprisonment, assault in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Jayson Trey Robbins, 17, was before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on Oct. 7 for a probable cause hearing on charges of unlawful imprisonment, assault by strangulation, and aggravated assault in the city of Belleville.

Robbins was out after posting \$30,000/10% bond. His retained attorney was Bill Colovas.

His preliminary exam, that will determine if he is bound over to circuit court for trial, was adjourned until 10 a.m. Nov. 9.

Parents of the victim were in the courtroom looking very grim.

Belleville Police Officer Tim Trombly said Robbins went to the school and he needs to know he can't go there.

A woman stood up in the audience and called out, "He wasn't at the school." Judge Green said, "I don't know who you are. Sit down!"

Judge Green told Robbins there was to be no contact with the victim and, "Do not return to the school."

Officer Trombly said the school did "trespass" him and, "We do have him on video."

Judge Green said Robbins claims he wasn't there. She said to Robbins, "If you show up on video, they'll pick you up."

On Tuesday, Police Chief Hal Berriman explained the circumstances of the arrest. He said this was an ex-boyfriend-ex-girlfriend situation where they had broken up and Robbins went to Belleville High School to talk to her. He allegedly said he would drive her to the office and she willingly got into his car, but then he took her to a home in Victoria Commons. Meanwhile, the girl called 911 and Officer Trombly responded. The girl's phone was still on so dispatch could hear what was happening, Chief Berriman said.

Officer Trombly heard her calling out inside the house and he opened the unlocked

door. Chief Berriman said the victim came running out. Robbins' hands were bloody because he had punched the wall, Chief Berriman said.

Chief Berriman said Robbins had attempted to strangle her. He said some of the details are still under investigation.

Curtis Wayne Lester

Curtis Wayne Lester, 33, was charged with operating while intoxicated with an occupant less than 16 years old in the city of Belleville and was due for his preliminary exam on Oct. 7. He waived his exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Oct. 21. He was out on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond and the bond was continued.

Michael Stan Michalski

Michael Stan Michalski, 40, was due for his preliminary exam on Oct. 7, but that was adjourned to Oct. 28 at the request of his retained attorney John Brusstar. He also asked for Judge Green to sign a discovery order for the Michigan State Police.

Michalski is charged with two counts of delivery of marijuana, possession by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, felony firearm, and operating a drug house on June 11, 2014. Officer in charge is B. Garrison of Western Wayne Narcotics.

Daniel Alan Black

Daniel Alan Black, 28, is charged with assault by strangulation and domestic violence and was out on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. He is defended by retained attorney Jonathan Jones. The offenses allegedly occurred on June 12 in Van Buren Township.

Attorney Jones waived Black's preliminary exam and he was bound over to circuit court for an Oct. 21 arraignment on the information.

Delilah Dawn Gaston

Delilah Dawn Gaston, 22, has seven charges against her from Dec. 24, 2014 in Van Buren Township. She is charged with armed robbery, larceny between \$1,000-\$20,000, larceny in a building, larceny using weapons, receiving and concealing firearms, felonious assault and felony firearms.

Her preliminary exam on the charges will be held Oct. 14 at 34th District Court to determine if there is enough evidence to bind her over to circuit court for trial.

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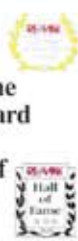
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